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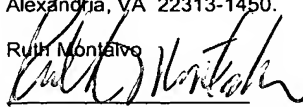
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004 (herein referred to as "the Office Action" or "this Office Action").

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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